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PER CAPITA INCOME
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita income in the rural areas as compared to the urban areas;

(b) whether the gap between the per-capita income of these two areas is widening; and

(c) the measures contemplated to be taken by the Government to minimise this gap?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE(SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): According to the information available from Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (National Accounts Division), the per capita Net Domestic Product (NDP) was Rs.1245 for the rural and Rs.2888 for urban areas respectively in 1980-81, at current prices. The corresponding incomes were Rs.5783 and Rs.13525 for 1993-94, at current prices. No information giving the rural-urban differences in income level is available after 1993-94.

(b): The per-capita NDP for urban areas was 2.32 times higher than in the rural areas in 1980-81. The corresponding ratio was 2.34 for the year 1993-94.

(c): The priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty and accelerating the growth rate of the economy with stable prices is likely to reduce the disparity between the rural and urban areas.